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Supporters Group
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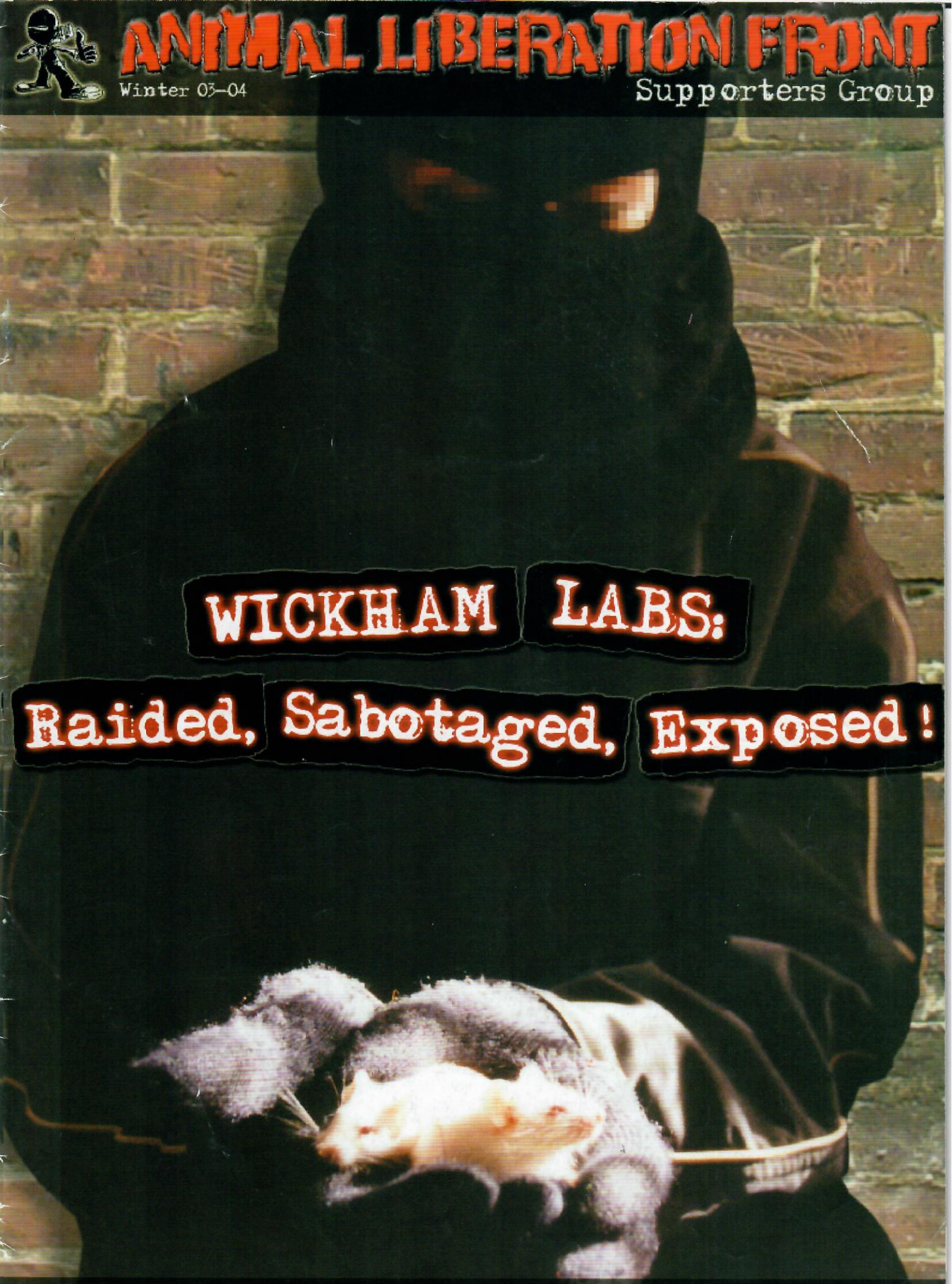
WICKHAM LABS:
Raided, Sabotaged, Exposed!



INSIDE THIS ISSUE: HLS and the art of injunctions, Newchurch Guinea Pig Farm in the dark, news from around the world, roundup of UK actions, and loads more!

One of the mice liberated from Wickham

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THE ALF SG

The Animal Liberation Front Supporters Group (ALF SG) is a legal, above ground organization that exists to support those who end up in prison or court as a result of fighting animal abuse.

It aims to explain why decent, caring people feel forced to break the law. The ALF SG is separate from the ALF.

One day people won't have to rescue animals from prison only to end up there themselves, but until that day the ALFSG is here to support anybody arrested or imprisoned in the war against animal exploitation.

THE ALF

The Animal Liberation Front carries out non-violent direct action against animal abuse by rescuing animals and causing financial loss to animal exploiters.

The ALF's short-term aim is to save as many animals as possible and directly disrupt the practice of animal abuse. Their long term aim is to end all animal suffering by forcing animal abuse companies out of business.

Because ALF actions are illegal, activists work anonymously, in small groups or individually, and do not have any centralized organization.

Any group of people who are vegetarians or vegans and who carry out actions according to the ALF guidelines have the right to regard themselves as part of the ALF

THE A.L.F. GUIDELINES

To liberate animals from places of abuse and place them in good homes where they may live out their natural lives, free from suffering.

To inflict economic damage to those who profit from the misery and exploitation of animals.

To reveal the horror and atrocities committed against animals.

To take all necessary precautions against harming any animal, human and non-human.

SUBSCRIPTIONS / MEMBERSHIP

ALF SG members pay £2 a month, usually by standing order, or £24 a year, which is then used to provide financial support for ALF prisoners. If you wish to join the ALF SG, see page 20 for a standing order form

Members receive four newsletters a year, giving updates on international ALF actions and animal rights prisoners.

DISCLAIMER

Nothing in this magazine is intended to incite any form of illegal activity.

Editorial

As state repression spreads, we feel forced to ask: Has Tony Blair ever looked at a history book?

Increasingly it is becoming the case that the basic human right to peacefully protest is being denied to animal rights campaigners. It began with the HLS injunctions, and now papers are reporting that the Home Office intend to stamp down on anyone who dares to oppose the pharmaceutical industry.

What this new legislation fails to observe is that whenever protest has been banned, unprecedented levels of direct action has always followed. This is true of Nazi Germany, it is true of Palestine, and it seems to be happening now in Britain within the animal liberation movement.

To prove this theory, we have drawn a graph (see page 3). The graph shows the levels of direct action directed against Japanese customers of HLS before and after they brought out their injunctions.

The results of the graph speak volumes. Have a look for yourself and draw your own conclusions.

The simple fact is, that as people are banned from taking legal action in aid of a cause they are so passionate about, many feel that they are forced into illegal direct action. We would of course never encourage this trend – it is simply a sociological fact.

Regarding this direct action, there has recently been some very tragic news for the animal liberation movement. All but a few dozen of the 700 mice liberated by ALF volunteers from the despicable Wickham Labs, were found by an extremist police force, who promptly send them straight back to the death lab where they were all gassed by fanatical scientists (read the full story on page 7).

This is the true face of terrorism; these mice felt very real terror, inflicted by scientists and police. Rumour has it that those mice who were lucky enough to have been rehomed are making the most of their freedom!

Unsurprisingly, it is these very same scientists and police who have been ranting in the media about "animal rights extremists", and "suburban terrorists" holding the benevolent scientific community, and our ever so left wing government to ransom. What has sparked these claims of home-grown terrorism? What else but the decision by Cambridge University not to build their proposed primate lab.

Despite what you might think from reading the papers, the most "extreme" action against the lab, was a peaceful blockade of the A14.

Of course having a reputation so fearsome that it can stop the building of government backed lab from being built is not something that the animal liberation movement should be ashamed of – whilst we must never rest on our laurels, their insane paranoia can only be a benefit to us.

It seems that the ALF have once again been busy at Water Farm Goat Centre in Somerset, where 21 goats were liberated in December and damage estimated at £10,000 was caused to five vehicles at the start of the year. Since these actions, and an earlier liberation, the goat farm has stopped supplying the vivisection industry. Read about this, and the liberation of 250 rabbits and 10 guinea pigs on page 9.

The underground campaign against HLS has been continuing as relentlessly as ever. According to HLS front-man Brian Cass, 54 cars belonging to HLS suppliers and customers have been attacked in the last six months. In the words of the Sunday Times, "For executives [of HLS collaborators], CCTV, bomb-proof windows and incendiary-proof letter boxes have become standard fittings at their homes. In recent months harassment has reached levels not seen since 2001, when three masked men set upon Brian Cass, clubbing him over the head with pickaxe handles." (catch up on all the HLS news on page 3).

Read on to find out what else the ALF have been up to in their 'war against terror'.

until every cage is empty

NEW PRISONERS

Paul Le Boutillier and Paul Holliday are currently serving 5 years, and 18 months respectively, in relation to making phone calls to Covance staff, also for calls to HLS share holders, hunt masters in the North York's area, farmers, agricultural suppliers, shooters etc.

Paul Le Boutillier (KA9326), HMP Hull, Hedon Road, Hull, HU9 5LS

Paul Holliday (KA9328), HMP Lindholme, Bawtry Road, Hatfield Woodhouse, Doncaster, Yorks, DN7 6EE

US activist Tamara Matheson has been imprisoned for "disrupting a lawful meeting" at a Forest Pharmaceuticals party last winter. She is serving, 60 days in jail.

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Dave Blenkinsop (EM7899)
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DAVE BLENKINSOP
Dave Blenkinsop is still serving a total of ten years for three separate offences. He was sentenced to 3 years for his part in the infamous attack on HLS' managing director Brian, 18 months for burglary in connection with the 'theft' of 600 guinea-pigs from Newchurch Farm and 5½ years for possession of incendiary devices. He will not become eligible for parole until May 2006, and if this is refused he will be released on licence in February 2008.
Dave can be contacted at the following address:

He is entitled to receive the following items: Cheques/Postal Orders, SAEs, book of stamps, writing paper, envelopes and see through pens.

KERRY HAS BEEN RELEASED!

KERRY WHITBURN
On Jan 5th Kerry Whitburn was sentenced to 2 months in prison for the attempted liberation of two monkeys from a pet shop in Nottingham. He saw the shop on a TV documentary and noticed the monkeys in cages which were too small. Kerry taped a black bin liner to a door panel at the front of the shop then smashed it with a crow bar.

He opened the cages, ready to put the monkeys into two bags, and transport them to an animal sanctuary. At this point he was disturbed and had to leave.

Kerry was arrested and charged after blood was found on the inner blind of the door which matched his. He pled guilty to burglary with intent, after explaining to the court that he had already attempted to buy them from the shop owner.

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HANNA EKEGREN
Animal rights ploughshare Hanna Ekegren has started a 10 month prison sentence for her part in an "open" action in which the activists turned themselves in voluntarily to the police after they had smashed up a chicken processing company. The action saved the lives of an estimated 54,000 chickens by destroying the equipment and eggs of unborn chickens being bred for the industry. Please send letters of support.

US activist Benjamin Persky has been released from prison. He was convicted of trashing two apartment buildings, belonging to HLS collaborators.

The ALF v. Huntingdon L

CUSTOMERS

ASAHI GLASS
08/01/04 – Director had his car paint strippered and paint poured over his house.

EMERSON ORBIT
19/01/04 – A Director had his house covered in blood-red spray paint, all the tyres on his car were slashed, bonnet logo was twisted backwards and the vehicle was doused in paint-stripper.
20/01/04 – Four directors of had their cars covered in paint stripper, and the tyres on the vehicles were slashed.

DAIICHI
17/11/03 Oxon – An employee had 2 cars paint stripped and the locks on his car and house were glued.
31/12/03 – A director of had his car covered in paint stripper, and his tyres slashed.

MIZUHO BANK
11/11/03 – A director had his car paint stripped, and paint thrown over his gate.

SANKYO
11/11/03 – Director has his house attacked with a bucket of paint and dog shit.

STATE STREET
24/11/03 – Three cars belonging to a director were covered with paint stripper and all three had their tyres slashed.
31/12/03 Kent – A director in Kent had his car paint strippered and locks glued.
19/01/04 Cambridge – A director had two cars in his drive way covered in acid. All the tyres were slashed.

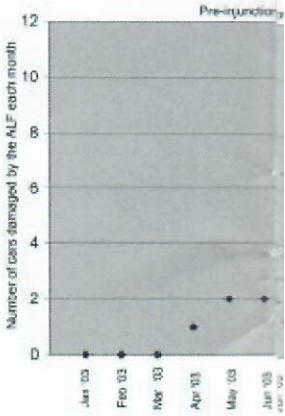
SUMITOMO
06/11/03 – A director had his car paint stripped, and the tyres slashed.

YAMANOUCHI
14/11/03 Hampshire A director had two cars covered in paint stripper.
02/12/03 – The head of Yamanouchi in the U.K. had two cars covered in paint stripper.
06/12/03 – An employee has two cars covered in paint stripper, and her house covered in paint.
24/12/03 Huntingdon An employee had two cars covered in paint stripper.
25/12/03 Cardiff An employee had two cars doused with paint stripper, and his house covered in paint.
25/12/03 Weston Super Mare An employee had his car covered in paint stripper, and tyres slashed.
07/01/04 Hampshire – A director had his cars attacked for the second time.

In recent months, many of HLS' customers, and the lab itself, have brought out injunctions in an attempt to stifle peaceful, legal demonstrations. Unfortunately for these companies, they had not thought this course of action through very well, and ultimately they have shot themselves squarely in the foot.

Most of the companies who have brought out these injunctions are Japanese, and the Japanese state is not renowned for its tolerance of demonstrations. As such it is little surprise that these companies thought that such simple-minded intimidation would deter protest. In fact, according to the US magazine Bite Back, ALF style attacks against the Japanese customers have more than tripled since the injunctions were brought out. The sheer stupidity of these companies was clearly demonstrated when they included the ALF, and the Animal Rights Militia on the injunctions. It seems these people refuse to understand that the ALF only exists when an illegal action is being carried out!

No one ever expected the Japanese customers to just roll over and throw in the towel. They are involved in vivisection up to their necks, and when HLS close they know that experiments in the UK will be much, much harder to carry out. They have had Lord Sainsbury on the phone begging them to stay with HLS, for the sake of the British economy, they've sent special police officers over to monitor the SHAC campaign, but as you can see from



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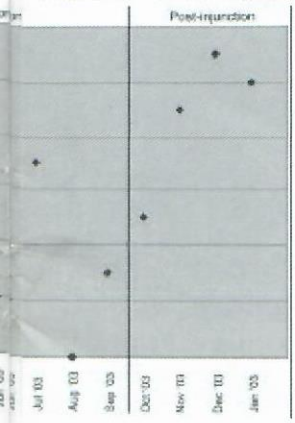
the chart on the left, the ALF are paying Yamanouchi as much attention as Yamanouchi are paying the ALF!

Whilst HLS' customers are trying to dig their heels in (for now...), their suppliers don't seem to be able to jump ship quick enough! Nearly 30 suppliers have ditched HLS since November, and the chart on the right may help to show why! Out of the eleven suppliers targeted by the ALF in the last few months, seven of them have cut all ties with HLS.

In a recent article in the Telegraph, HLS top man Brian Cass started slagging off Securicor for deciding to ditch them, claiming that, "a few ladies with placards and a bit of noise" should not be enough to make a security company stop helping the lab. He claimed that it was a joke that the company had decided to pull out for the "the safety and wellbeing of their staff". These truly are the words of a desperate man!

Just weeks after claiming that companies such as securicor are giving in too easily, Cass was reported in another paper saying that the animal rights movement "are now targeting our suppliers and customers. We have validated 54 separate attacks on cars alone over the past six months, but what is most concerning us is that 28 have occurred since the start of January. It has really picked up." Doesn't sound like a few ladies with placards to us!



SUPPLIERS

ADT – PULLED OUT
26/11/03 locks glued, buildings painted and a brand new van spray painted all over and the tyres slashed.
18/12/03 Middlesex – Secretary had cars paint strippered, locks glued and tyres punctured.

CED
06/12/03 Romford – A director had a 4x4 covered in paint stripper.
06/12/03 Cambridge – bricks hurled through the windows.
17/12/03 Essex Director s cars were paint strippered, sprayed, and tyres slashed.

FISHER SCIENTIFIC
19/01/04 – A director had three cars covered in paint stripper and the tyres were slashed.

GREGORY FRIAR ASSOCIATES – PULLED OUT
26/12/03 – 4 Cars damaged with paint stripper and spray paint.

INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES – PULLED OUT
03/11/03 Nottingham – Reinforced windows smashed with half bricks.
06/12/03 Peterborough – bricks thrown at their windows
16/12/03 Nottingham – windows were smashed. Slogans sprayed on the building.
18/12/03 Suffolk – A manager had his car paint strippered, tyres slashed and locks glued.

OTIS LIFTS – PULLED OUT
26/11/03 locks glued, buildings painted

PHENOMENEX
28/11/03 – An employee had their windows smashed
20/01/04 Macclesfield – windows and doors smashed with a hammer.

PIONEER CHEMICALS – PULLED OUT
10/12/03 Director has car paint stripped.

SECURICOR – PULLED OUT
02/02/04 Nottingham – 5 windows were smashed.
03/02/04 Nottingham – Daubed in paint and slogans.

SIGMA ALDRICH
18/01/04 Dorset – 7 vehicles parked outside had their tyres slashed and locks glued. Several windows were smashed.

VITECH SECURITY – PULLED OUT
26/12/03 – Windows and door smashed with bricks and boulders.
16/01/04 – Three cars belonging to a director of were covered in paint stripper and had their tyres slashed.

The ALF v. NEWCHURCH GU

Things have really been hotting up at Newchurch over recent months. The Animal Liberation Front has been putting immense pressure on all those involved with the farm and actions have been both creative and frequent. It really is no surprise that so many collaborators have pulled out. Calor Gas, The Red Lion, Riverside Hotel, Dove Fuels, DW Clark and Sons, First Milk, The Lloyd Fraser Group, Startin Farms, Shakespeares Solicitors and The Branston Golf Club have all pulled out over the last few months!

SUPPLIERS AND COLLABORATORS

Dove fuels, who supplied fuel to the Halls were quick to dump them in November after Rodney Harvey was visited by activists during the night. There is no doubt that this action would have aided his decision to dump the Halls after Rodney's windows were smashed at his property. As activists left the scene the paint on Rodney's car was bubbling and dissolving away after it was daubed in paint stripper. Rodney was also leaning through his newly broken windows screaming "You f***ing bastards". Not surprisingly he severed all links just days later.

The Halls used to enjoy quiet drinks at their favourite pub with their family and friends... but not any more! The Red Lion Pub were also quick to drop the Halls despite protest from the landlord and regulars. In February three cars belonging to the Red Lion Pub were paint stripped. However this wasn't enough to convince landlord Keith Marklew to bar the Halls from the pub and so a letter was sent to the Burton-based Union Pub Company, part of Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries, who own the pub urging them to ban the entire Hall family or face further extreme action. The locals who threatened to boycott the pub and the landlord were outraged when days later the brewery wrote a letter to the Halls sensibly asking them not to return to the Red Lion with immediate effect.

Calor Gas Ltd also dropped the Halls in February after Director Clive James Whorton had three of his cars treated with paint stripper on valentines day. The Animal Rights Militia had also sent a letter warning Calor Gas of the consequences of dealing with Newchurch Guinea Pig Farm. Luckily for Calor Gas they wisely dumped the Halls before any more actions had been carried out.

Letters have been sent to the home addresses of over twenty Novartis workers raising concerns about their employee's involvement with Newchurch Farm.

WORKERS

The Halls have lost another employee, John Wright. In the lead up to Christmas hundreds of businesses and shops in Burton were sent a photo of his wife Hillary Wright with a letter warning them that she was a violent fraudster passing through the area and that she was using cloned credit cards and fake bank notes. This action is known to be one of the final straws that broke the Wright family and forced them to dump the Halls.

Proud worker at Newchurch, Nick Sanders and his partner were visited in March, activists went to his home and planted a hoax device strategically under his car. This is not the only visit he has received:

"Nick Sanders loves to abuse guinea pigs and god knows what else! It was decided by UK activists that their estate needed reminding of some of the more personal habits of these two local freaks. Very personal slogans using heavy-duty industrial road paint were sprayed all over their access road leading to their house during the night! Everybody in that area will now know what these perverts do with their spare time. Vicious animal abusers like these need to be continuously outed and we will not stop any actions until he stops killing guinea pigs at Newchurch. ALF!"

Newchurch workers, May Hudson and Simon Turner were also visited at the end of March. At May Hudsen's property four heavy duty bricks were thrown through her front windows followed by four glass bottles of paint. Simon Turner's home received a new paint job when thick paint was thrown all over his front drive and garage.

Over the last few months, many slogans have been painted around various workers homes, as well as many workers receiving packages with unmentionable disgusting contents. Funeral cards have also been sent to all of the workers containing warnings.

THE HALLS

As part of ongoing attacks against the Hall family, slogans have been continually sprayed in the surrounding areas of family members homes, and rookies which are like big bangers have been repeatedly set off at their homes. In March the Halls have also been sent packages containing cryptic warnings and disgusting matter.

David Hall has not been left out of the action. John's farmhouse has had his windows taken out and his home attacked by paint:

"Last night activists visited David Hall of David Hall and Partners. With his two evil sons Chris and John, he created the sick animal abusing empire at Newchurch. His farmhouse front windows were all put through with bricks. Bottles of red paint were thrown through the smashed windows. For the guinea pigs abused by the Halls there will be no let up in our actions against these sadists."

Sally, the daughter of John Hall was also visited just before

inea Pig Farm

Christmas with an early present. It has been reported that during the night activists found her underground stop tap and turned off her water supply:

"During the run up to Christmas activists realised that it was time that John Hall's daughter, Sally Ann of Branston, Burton needed some attention. In the dead of night we found her underground stop tap outside her house, turned it off and filled the cavity with a mass of quick drying cement ensuring her Christmas would be dry and she will never wash that blood from her wizened hands! This action will be one of many until the sick David Hall and Partners stop molesting and torturing guinea pigs for profit and pleasure. For the animals!"

Caroline Hall has also received a personal visit. She is the daughter Christopher Hall. Activists managed to locate her apartment and redecorate it. The front and back of the house was painted both inside and out and was no doubt left in a complete mess:

"Caroline Jane Hall has been extra illusive for far too long. She is the beloved daughter of David of Hall and Partners managing director Christopher Hall and no doubt his pride and joy. So when we finally located her plush apartment it was quite a prize! And activists didn't wait too long to redecorate it.

They gathered at the front and back of the property armed with bricks and paint bombs. The front and back of the house was painted and trashed inside and out. This action was part of the ongoing campaign to destroy David Hall and Partners and leave them floundering in financial ruin. Always for the animals!"

In January the last window was broken at Forest Farm which is owned by the Halls. Every window at the farm has now been smashed. The Halls have not bothered to replace them, probably because they fear repeat actions; every window in the place is now either boarded up or left with a gaping hole.

It has been reported that the Halls have been having a few problems with their electricity supply and phone lines. Over a two week period the Halls phone lines were severed three times and activists cut off the power to Newchurch Farm:

"David Hall and Partners, Newchurch, UK, Telecommunications Severed. In the last two weeks the phone lines which the Halls use to operate their business in Newchurch, UK have been totally severed on three separate occasions disabling their contact network from all their blood-soaked properties. This would leave any contacts to their biggest customers at HLS and on the continent totally inoperable. These actions were carried out in the name of animal liberation in our continued efforts to rid the world of the animal abusing psychopaths, the Halls. Always for the animals!"

"David Hall and Partners Power Lines Severed, Newchurch, UK 06/02/04 On Friday evening activists visited Newchurch and blacked out their entire blood-soaked animal molesting business! Power poles bearing electricity cables to Darley Oaks Farm, Newchurch, where the animals are being murdered were cut down leaving the whole facility, the family, and security guards in a blacked out confused mess. All of these actions will continue until David Hall and Partners stop torturing those enslaved guinea pigs in the name of profit and power. Always and every day for the animals!"

UNIVERSITIES

Many University vivisectors have become target to the campaign against Newchurch Guinea Pig Farm. On the week before Christmas activists paid a visit to Kenneth Broadley of Cardiff University who tests on guinea pigs from Newchurch Farm, his posh new BMW was covered in paint stripper. The following day he installed a spotlight and at least four security cameras. Later on in February an e-mail was sent to Kenneth warning him that he, his house and his family had been under surveillance. He was given examples of the surveillance to prove that the claims were genuine. The e-mail issued an ultimatum to him to stop using guinea pigs from Newchurch or he and the University would face further actions. This ultimatum was then backed up by the paint stripping of a university van which had its exhaust filled with expanding foam.

Also in February letters were sent to the neighbours of vivisectors who use guinea pigs from Newchurch at Universities in Dundee, Aberdeen, Glasgow, Edinburgh, London and Cardiff. In March, further letters were sent to the neighbours of University vivisectors from Nottingham, London, Keele, Oxford, Brighton and Leeds. Over 800 letters have been sent out warning them about demonstrations and actions likely to take place to coincide with World Day for Laboratory Animals.

The ALF v. Wickham Labs

The ALF Expose Botox Horror

13/12/03 – 700 mice were liberated from Wickham Labs in the middle of a Botox experiment. The police later found all but 37 of the mice, and sent them back to the lab where they were immediately gassed. Paperwork from the lab exposed the secret horror of cosmetic testing in the UK. Read the full expose on the following page.

28/01/03 Seven cars belonging to staff at Wickham Labs were covered in paint stripper in a staff carpark near to the lab whilst their owners were busy at work. Since the incident it has been reported that all of the staff now want to use the main car park In front of the lab, and there are now so many cars parked there that when any one wants to leave chaos ensues.

05/02/03 Seven cars belonging to staff at Wickham had their tyres slashed and their cars covered in paint stripper outside of their houses. The ALF claimed the attack, and stated in a communiqué that, 'we know where you live, and we know how to get you.'

13/02/03 A Wickham employee had their house covered in paint stripper and paint. Slogans were painted along their fencing, drive and doors. Their wooden porch, windowsills and drain pipes were stripped of paint.

The ALF pass a cage of mice through the roof at Wickham

BORATORIES

"Late on Saturday December 2003 an ALF team broke into Wickham Laboratories in Hampshire, cut through the roof of the main animal unit and dropped into the network of laboratories and animal stock rooms below. Surveillance cameras were disabled and nearly 700 mice taken out back through the roof and whisked to safety.

Tragically a large police operation later tracked down all but a few dozen mice and seized them. When approached by an animal protection group regarding the welfare of the mice, a detective leading the investigation said that there was no need to worry as the mice were being "well cared for and looked after". Unlikely in the extreme given that they were taken straight back to the lab. Wickham said "They've gone the way of the rest of 'em".

That's not the end of the story though, not by a long shot. What Wickham Laboratories wanted back much more than the mice, and what Hampshire Police mobilised its force for were the documents that left the lab with the mice. The police never got these documents, and a scandal was revealed.

Lab reports detail the journey each mouse was taking in its brief life. Some groups rescued were a few hours from their first injection of Botulinum Toxin (BT), others had had two or three days of them. This might strike a chord with some readers, as Botox is the name given to Botulinum Toxin when used for cosmetic purposes. BT is considered one of the most toxic substances known to man, with biological weapon potential! Many animals from mice to monkeys, have already been poisoned by Botox and humans have been using it for years. But research has revealed that every batch of Botox developed is being tested on mice due to the fluctuation in potency of each batch. And its use is increasing.

In one experimental group of 32 mice, just 19 were still living to be rescued on the third day of the tests. Twenty had survived in another group, and the other 'batches' were no different. When half have died the others are killed with gas, having their necks broken or by lethal injection. This is the LD50 test and it is how most animals die at Wickham Labs. For example on the 12 December, the day before the raid, over 600 mice were put to death, the survivors of other LD50's. Record show there are few days at Wickham when 100's if not 1000's of rabbits, rats, guinea pigs and mice die in a really unpleasant way. And if that isn't bad enough, they boast that they are keen to take more of the work HLS now miss out on and are seeking to expand their operation and build bigger facilities to profit from this.

Botulinum Toxin is widely used for medical purposes and is readily licenced by the government. It was actually government scientists who developed the cosmetic version of it at Porton Down in the 1970's. Botox is now increasingly used for cosmetic reasons and is a money spinner in its own right. But a legal loophole has been unearthed which enables makers Ipsen Biopharm, who contract the tests at Wickham, to sneak its cosmetic product into circulation on the back of its origins as a medical product. No distinction is made between the two.

So what we have here, apart from lots of tiny tortured souls and wasted lives, are worthless, secret tests in which animals die painfully when injected with something humans inject and survive. We also have in full flow an extremely crude and widely derided procedure, which is rubbished by industry and the scientific community alike as meaningless in terms of human risk assessment. Of all the products around, those most dangerous to humans are surely the ones most in need of advanced, scientifically credible testing, and not the archaic LD50!

TO CONCLUDE...

The LD50 was partially banned by the government in 1999 following a legal challenge by the BUAV. The Government announced that LD50 would no longer be licensed except on 'exceptional scientific grounds'. Since Botox became fashionable over the last 2 or 3 years, there has been a dramatic rise in the number of LD50 tests. And of course we no longer have cosmetics being tested on animals in the UK because we only test essential medical products, eh?

No! We have a government profiting from the LD50 testing of a cosmetic product they developed! Which is why the Animal Liberation Front is here to stay.

And it doesn't end there! Far from it. What has thus far been kept a closely guarded secret on our part is the fact that it was a contact inside Wickham that led to this Botox Expose. On our side for reasons of their own, our whistle-blower passed over information about the haphazard movements to and from the labs that see animal technicians turn up at all hours through the night to execute rodents that haven't died. Other priceless details about the things these intrepid scientists wanted kept secret meant the date of the raid was as crucial as the timing on the night, and so it proved. And there's more to come, much more. The Wickham gravy train has left the rails."

OTHER ACTIONS

21 Goats Liberated From Vivisection Breeder

The following report was sent to the ALF SG anonymously.

"After just three direct actions against Water Farm Goat Centre near Bridgewater, Somerset the farm has vowed not to supply animals to laboratories again.

After receiving a tip off that this farm was supplying goats to vivisectors, activists did some research and discovered that farm owners Lesley and Alan Mowlem were advertising their sordid services in vivisection industry publications. It was also discovered that Mr. Mowlem used to work within a vivisection establishment.

After checking the farm out and noticing the lack of security, and the dirty conditions inside the barns, we realised it was time to take action. The goats were there for the taking and we wanted to save as many as we could.

The first action took place in the early hours of March 15th 2003 when 43 goats were liberated and placed into loving homes. This action cost the Mowlems £2000.

The second action took place nine months later, on December 14th 2003, when 21 pregnant goats were removed from the farm and placed into loving homes. This action cost the Mowlems £5000.

On January 12th 2004 the third action against the farm took place. Activists armed with paint stripper, paint and bradles entered the premises and proceeded to damage all vehicles on site. Four cars and two landrovers were paint stripped and had their tyres burst. Slogans were left so that the Mowlems were in no doubt about who had taken this action (previously they had been in the press accusing 'goat rustlers' of the two liberations!). This action cost the Mowlems £10,000.

With a total of £17,000 worth of damage caused to them, and the fear of more serious attacks setting in, the Mowlems threw in the towel as far as breeding animals for vivisection goes.

We will be monitoring the Mowlems and if they are caught supplying animals to vivisection again, we will not hesitate to take further action against them.

There is an important lesson to be learned from Water Farm: you don't always need large campaigns to stop animal abuse operations. The British countryside is littered with breeders, factory farms, hunt kennels, slaughterhouses and other such establishments. Many are run by people too scared or skint to face acts of economic sabotage.

In the words of Alan Mowlem: "We hate to give in but we simply can't afford to weather any more attacks. It's enough of a struggle trying to make a living out of farming as it is"

250 Rabbits, 10 Guinea Pigs Liberated from pet shop supplier in Dorset

"In early June 2003, we began to hear stories about horrendous animal abuse and suffering at a rabbit breeder in the south of the country.

We decided to check the place out. Sadly the situation was every bit as bad as we had been led to believe.

The breeders are based in Blandford Forum, Dorset. They breed rabbits, guinea pigs, ferrets, rats, mice, hamsters, gerbils, snakes, reptiles, spiders, and several other animals for the pet shop trade.

Various unguarded comments led us to believe that many of their animals also go for vivisection.

They are using every type of animal edible to snakes as snake food, and covert investigators have personally witnessed one of the owners feeding live, conscious rats to the snakes, and baby rats and mice to the ferrets.

Every room in the house is stacked high with glass tanks, the occupants of which are appallingly overcrowded. One example being three snakes, each four meters long, packed into a tank slightly over one cubic meter in size.

Although they operate from their house and back garden it would be easy to think that their operation is small. It isn't. They supply four dealers, who in turn supply all the major pet shop chains in this country, and in Ireland. They also let slip that they have been approached by people connected to the vivisection industry.

After the initial reconnaissance, it was obvious that we had a major problem to deal with. All the animals were enduring appalling suffering and were housed in the most horrendous conditions. Hard decisions had to be taken, and it was decided that the easiest animals to re-home would be the rabbits.

A plan was put together. To begin with, we caught the filthy conditions of the facility with covert filming. Conversations were also recorded.

On the 10th December the liberation was carried out, and by Christmas eve every animal taken had received emergency veterinary treatment, and had been re-homed. They will now be able to live out their natural lives in peace.

In total two hundred and fifty rabbits were liberated from the hell-hole, as well as ten guinea pigs."

When The Dust Settles

Life On The Receiving End Of The ALF

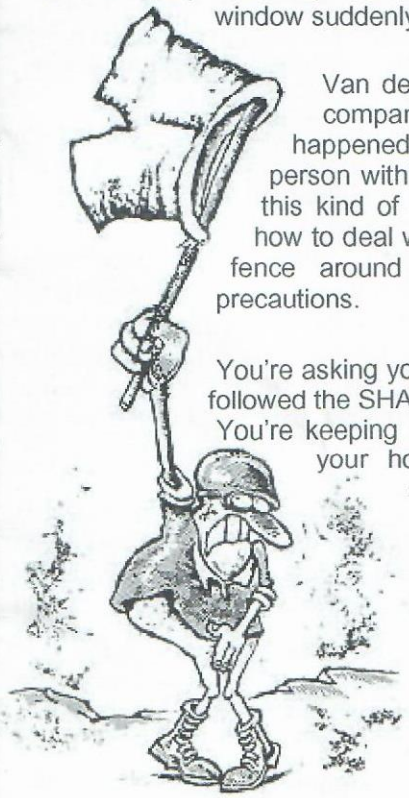
Ever wondered what it was like to be on the receiving end of the ALF? Never fear! Ex-Chiron employee Rene van der Kwaak recently revealed all in an interview with a Dutch newspaper:

Rene van der Kwaak left his job as a director of Chiron in the Netherlands. He put an A4 piece of paper in his car windows and on the windows of his house in Hilversum. "They have to know that I quit Chiron. I have sent them an email. Hopefully they will leave me alone now."

"It all started with a broken window. We thought it was a break in. It happens more often in this area that they smash a window to break in. It is a fancy neighbourhood. But a day later I received a call from a colleague from Germany. Did those people from SHAC break your window? SHAC? Never heard of them. I didn't know SHAC and I didn't know Huntingdon Life Sciences. I didn't know Chiron had connections with HLS. But yes, they do business with many vivisection labs. My job was marketing, export and sales. I didn't have anything to do with research. That happens in other branches."

Chiron worldwide has 20 branches, 4000 employees and makes 1.3 billion dollars a year. Van der Kwaak set up the European branch in the eighties, started as head of management and became director.

"After that call from the German colleague I was looking for more information about SHAC. The police showed me a video about their way of activism. You don't know what you're seeing. Paintbombs, arsons. On the internet they tell each other proudly who they went after this time. The smashed window suddenly got another dimension."



Van der Kwaak informed the mother company in the USA. "Nothing happened. It appeared that I was the first person within Chiron who was a victim of this kind of aggression. They didn't know how to deal with this. At the end they put a fence around our house and they took precautions.

You're asking yourself what will happen next? I followed the SHAC website. I became paranoid. You're keeping an eye on people passing by your house. It became a terrifying situation.

In April 2003 the police called me. They had heard that SHAC had organized an Action week. I asked for a guard from Chiron and I received one. Every night there was a guard.

When he came on a Sunday evening, he saw that a bomb was put in front of my door. A bomb! When I came home, the street was full with police. An ambulance came, the fire department.

A guy from the explosive services. He took away the bomb. It appeared to be an unactivated firework bomb.

I became ill. I was totally down. I couldn't concentrate any more, I didn't feel like working. I never had that before in my life. I was thinking all the time: what would be their next step? You're living in fear. You become extremely alert in a nasty way."

Hetty, his wife said: "When we went to bed and I turned out the light, I always looked outside if their were no ski masks walking in our garden. If we had to go anywhere in the car than Rene started the car and I waited inside with the children. If a bomb exploded we would at least survive."

The company wanted me to work in the USA and I was offered a job. But I didn't want to leave and the aggression made it much easier. I worked for 17 years for Chiron. I wanted to leave on a good way. Now I'm only relieved. I hope the threats will stop now.

In September he received an email from Chiron. "2 bombs were exploded at our head office in the USA. I arranged directly that we would have protection at our house. I went home straight away.

The police called one day to tell me that 13 activists were on their way to my home in Hilversum. We sent the children to the basement and Hetty was looking out of the window with binoculars. I was standing with a guard in front of our house. The police arrested the Germans, English and Italians near our house.

Van der Kwaak woke up in November: "I saw 2 males with ski masks being busy with my car. I didn't go to them, the police told me not to do it. They put paintstripper on my car. The guy from the garage told me next day that someone really must have hated me to do something like that. In the morning he saw slogans spraypainted on his house like Chiron blood money and Chiron drop HLS.

Chiron put on its website how the company is working with animals. The connection with HLS has been stopped. The bombs on the head office in the USA made the directors think of course.

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Below is a small selection of the actions taking place across the globe on a daily bases in the war against animal abuse. The reports are from anonymous communiqués and media reports.

05/11/04 – SPAIN
CHINCHILLA FARM LIBERATION

"During the first hours of the 5th of November our ALF cell decided to remember our Barry Horne in the way he would like: by targeting animal abusers and saving lives. We went to the only chinchilla farm in Spain. It was placed in a basement of a small house under construction. There was a big guard dog encaged in that dirty place, who soon became our friend.

We got in easily through a window and started to liberate some of the chinchillas. About twenty were liberated in the fields near the farm, we took with us another twenty and we also liberated one rabbit and the only ferret in the farm.

We destroyed all the machines and we threw down the shelves with the caging which had no animals inside."

13/12/04 – RUSSIA
HLS' WEBSITE DISMANTLED

"1) We have succefully attacked HLS website. You know about it. It is almost unreachable. And we will increase our attack very soon.

2) We have successfully attacked HLS' e-mails. Currently @huntingdon.com receive 100000 e-mails per 24 hours. It is fully automatically, so we can do it for a very long time."

HLS' website was offline for several months – not very good for business! It has been reported that the lab's phone lines are the Russian's next target.

15/12/04 – FINLAND
FUR FARM BUILDING BURNT DOWN

"A fur farm storage building has burned down completely in Veteli, Finland. The fire department got to the farm at 2.30 pm. where they were able to get the fire under control. The fire department had to get back to the farm later that evening because fire started again. "

15/12/04 – ITALY
MINK FARM LIBERATION

"On the night of December 15 a mink farm in Castel di Sangro, L'Aquila, was raided by the ALF. The cages in the 4 sheds of this farm have all been opened liberating all the animals. The farm had no fence, no alarms, but 5 guard dogs. This is the fourth successful mink liberation in 2003. The farmers are trying to prevent further actions, but their offer of 20.000 euros for information on ALF activists didn't succeed. They have been posting a message with the 20.000 euros offer to all the AR groups, campaigns and organizations, giving contact details for those wishing to grass someone. And their mobile phone and e-mail box are being stormed with hundreds of calls and messages to show disgust with their work... how stupid they are!

If you want you can email them at: info@aiav.it"

27/12/04 – ITALY
HUNTING FACILITY ARSON

"A hunting dogs training centre was damaged with fire. On site the police found a banner reading "Hunters: if animals are your target, you are ours". 40 quails had been liberated from the site previously this year. This time there was no birds and fire was set to the bird cages and the hunters dressing room."

30/12/04 – FINLAND
ARSON AT FUR FARM

"Fire destroyed a fur farm storage building in Uusikaarlepyy. The fire destroyed the 375 square meter building completely. Uusikaarlepyy has more than 300 fur farms. It's the heart of Finnish fur farming community."

31/12/04 – ITALY
CIRCUS TRUCK ARSON

Nine circus trucks were torched by the ALF. The circus of Barcelona estimated damages at 400.000 euros.

On site the following message was left: "The show is over. ALF".

31/12/04 – SPAIN
SLAUGHTERHOUSE TRUCK TORCHED

"Fire. Destruction. Ruin. On New Years Eve we decided to send a message to those people who, day after day, fill their pockets with money stained by the blood of innocent and defenseless life. 12 liters of gasoline were placed under a refrigerated truck, property of an industrial slaughter house. The flames did their work, reducing great parts of the vehicle to ashes, and making it unusable.

For us, sabotage and arson is the most pure and irretrievable expression of our desire of liberation and of our solidarity with our brothers and sisters being murdered, dominated, jailed, tortured, gutted, vivisectioned, poisoned, shot, struck, cut up and cooked.

We urge activists to liberate animal prisoners and to go to war on exploiters. Their victims can't talk so we must speak for them."

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02/01/04 – NORWAY
FUR FARM ARSON

"A fire started at an empty mink farm in Harstad. There was no animals in the farm at the time. Police say that they suspect arson, as there are suspicious footprints back and forth to the farm from a passing road. The Norweigan ALF has claimed in a recent press-release that they will target the fur industry with more actions in 2004.

A representative for the fur dealer-alliance says the ALF have cost over 20 millions NKR (*over £2,000,000*) to the Norwegian fur industry through their actions from last summer until today."

07/01/04 – SWEDEN
RABBIT LIBERATION

"On the night to the 7th of january we gained access to a rabbit farm in Olmstad.

The rabbit farm breeds rabbits for meat and show. They live in small cages without any contact with each other. We felt that we had to take action and give the rabbits new homes where they will be able to jump, dig and everything else a rabbit could wish for.

There should have been 30 rabbits on the farm, but we were too late. The farmer, Kennert, had killed all but eight. Eight wonderful rabbits that we took with us and left the farm empty."

10/01/04 – SWEDEN
ANIMAL MUTILATION ART DESTROYED

Edemont mutilates the corpses of murdered animals in the name of art. Swedish activists did not feel that this was acceptable.

"4 masked persons rushed in and destroyed or partly destroyed art to an estimated value of 150,000 Swedish crowns (*£13000*). An employee who tried to intervene got punched in the face. The 4 then left the gallery running."

12/01/04 – USA
FAST FOOD SPEAKERS HACKED

"Police believe teenage pranksters are hacking into the wireless frequency of a US Burger King drive-through speaker to tell potential customers they are too fat for fast food.

Policeman Gerry Scherlink said the pranksters told one customer who had just placed an order: "You don't need a couple of Whoppers. You are too fat. Pull ahead."

The offenders are reportedly tapping into the wireless frequency at the restaurant in Troy, Michigan. Police believe the culprits are watching and broadcasting from close range.

22/01/04 – SPAIN
FUR FARM ARSON

"An ALF cell attacked the meat industry of Pamplona. A truck of the company IMAZ was torched.

The target was completely destroyed. The animals can't defend themselves, so we are going to fight for them. We are going to take direct action to destroy every tool used to torture and abuse our brothers and sisters."

24/01/04 – HOLLAND
FUR DEALERS CAR BURNT

"The car of J. Floor in Houten was set on fire. He trades in pelts for the Seattle Fur Exchange. He has to stop if he wants to be left alone. We don't stop before the animals do get the lives they deserve to have."

11/02/04 – AUSTRALIA
CHICKENS LIBERATED

"Forty four sick, emaciated hens were rescued by activists and have been placed in loving homes and are receiving veterinary care. Video footage was taken, revealing the horrific conditions in which these animals are kept."

20/02/04 – SWEDEN
RABBITS AND CHINCHILLAS LIBERATED

"Last night we entered a building between Malmkoping and Flen where the owner breeds animals for pet shops. 1000's of animals have been bred here the last 10 years and as many as 4000 animals are kept here at once.

We had come to help the animals from this misery. 12 rabbits, who were just skin and bones, and 2 chinchillas were saved."

SWEDEN TAKES ON THE FUR TRADE

Over the last few months, the Swedish campaign against the fur trade has continued as intensely as ever. Literally hundreds of windows have been smashed, and paint bombs and super glue have been put to use, with devastating effect.

SEA SHEPHERD ACTIVISTS ARRESTED

Sea Shepherd crewmembers Allison Lance-Watson and Alex Cornelissen were arrested in a small fishing village in the southern of Japan, after they dove into the cold waters of the bay where 15 dolphins had been herded and penned by Japanese fishermen, and released them back into the wild.

THE TIMES

Sinister activists widen target to strike at will

By Valerie Elliott, Countryside Editor, January 28, 2004

PLACARDS and demonstrations are the public face of animal welfare protests but scores of men and women live in fear because of the more sinister actions of people opposed to drug testing or research involving animals.

Victims of terror tactics include staff who work with animals in laboratories or those who support or condone such research activities. It is estimated that about 50 people nationwide form a hardcore who engage in militant action. A loose-knit group, they operate in the name of the Animal Liberation Front, the Animal Rights Militia or Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty the campaign to close Huntingdon Life Sciences (HLS), a contract research laboratory in Cambridgeshire.

They have abandoned reason and argument, instead engaging in a relentless pursuit of those with whom they disagree. They have widened their potential targets and, as in the case of HLS, take action against customers and third parties who provide services, such as bankers, accountants and brokers. Such third-party action is being waged against Japanese pharmaceutical companies, in particular Yamanouchi.

Even its landlord, Emerson Developers, a property company based in the North West, has come under attack. Nineteen directors have been visited at home; ten cars have been damaged. The bill for damaged cars at Yamanouchi has reached £65,000 after 19 owned by its executives were doused in paint stripper.

Victims are researched meticulously and information appears regularly in versions of Abix (animal abusers index), which is distributed to extremists. Silent and abusive telephone calls are followed by abusive e-mails, postal death threats, suspect packages, broken windows and graffiti. Incendiary devices may be planted near cars and homes.

One weapon is to dub someone a paedophile. Letters are written to neighbours, staff and family revealing the target as a convicted paedophile or sexual deviant. Pornographic images, sex magazines and sex toys are sent.

Junk mail can include washing machines, and three-piece suites. Credit ratings may be affected if goods are not paid returned promptly.

Tim Lawson-Cruttenden, Yamanouchi's lawyer, who has represented furriers, huntspeople and other Japanese companies against militants, is being advised on his safety by Special Branch. He said of the activists: They really are very dangerous. There is no knowing where they will stop.

A SENIOR director with a Japanese drug company was angry last night after hearing the decision to cancel the Cambridge research laboratory.He has been on an animal welfare target list for about a year and when he is away from home a security guard is posted to protect his wife and two teenage children.

He said: "The whole family is absolutely panic-stricken. Everyone is jumpy if there is a strange noise in the house or strangers near the house."

The executive, who wishes to remain anonymous, spends his life "watching his back" but thinks the Cambridge decision is disgraceful. He said: "This just demonstrates that we have to have more effective legislation. We feel that these activists should be dealt with in the same way as football hooligans."

He said that his lawyers were not even able to serve injunctions on activists. "We seem to have got caught up in the Data Protection Act and police won't give us the addresses we need. Something has to be sorted out."

THE TIMES

Rise of suburban terrorist has British scientists on the run

February 08, 2004

The success of animal rights activists in halting a new Cambridge laboratory has led to increasing threats of violence, write Jack Grimston and Gareth Walsh.

FOR the drug company executive, life in his comfortable village in the home counties turned sour one morning last summer when he was in bed with flu. His son-in-law came into the room, asking what had happened to the car. When the man went downstairs he saw what looked like a minor, if mindless, act of vandalism. The car had been disfigured by paint-stripper.

But the attack turned out to be just the beginning of a long campaign against the man by animal rights extremists who have targeted hundreds, perhaps thousands, of people. Their "crime", in the eyes of the protesters, is to be linked, however distantly, with companies that carry out medical tests on animals. In this man's case, he works for a company that is also a customer of Huntingdon Life Sciences (HLS), the research organisation near Cambridge. It is the object of hate among the animal rights movement because it carries out thousands of medical tests every year on mice, rats, and occasionally birds and dogs. The vilification campaign has been sustained.

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Residents in the man's village have been sent letters claiming he is a paedophile; calls for him to be run out of the area have been daubed on the village hall and road signs; at one point a group set up camp in a nearby field with banners condemning the "puppy murderer".

One of his fellow directors has had it worse. His 15-year-old daughter was attacked by suspected Animal Liberation Front (ALF) activists on her way home. Now this father has moved and has been advised by police to install a secure "panic room" to which he can retreat with his family in case militants break into his home.

For other executives on the hit lists, CCTV, bomb-proof windows and incendiary-proof letter boxes have become standard fittings at their homes. In recent months harassment has reached levels not seen since 2001, when three masked men set upon Brian Cass, HLS's managing director, clubbing him over the head with pickaxe handles.

The anti-vivisection lobby, which objects to all experiments on animals, even for medical purposes, claimed its greatest scalp to date late last month when security worries caused Cambridge University to drop plans to build a £32m primate research centre.

Scientists have been shocked by the message to the outside world that Britain, long considered a leading country for research, is now apparently unsafe for anyone experimenting on animals to develop drugs.

"It has enormously upset the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries, who take it as a real challenge to the resolve of the government to counter animal rights terrorism," said Colin Blakemore, chief executive of the Medical Research Council.

Tony Minson, Cambridge's pro-vice-chancellor, said the "decision not to fight on" for the research centre had been driven by tensions with the community caused by the protests. This had combined with worries about the unpredictable costs of security - estimated at £500,000 a year even before employees' homes had been protected.

The government has been forced into a damage limitation exercise to try to reassure pharmaceutical companies, who between them spend some £7m a day on medical research in Britain. Last week Lord Sainsbury, the science minister, was telephoning senior executives to urge them not to be scared by the militants into taking their business abroad.

It is a personal challenge for Sainsbury, who told a House of Lords committee two years ago - after a previous upsurge in attacks had subsided - that "the main problem (of militant attacks) has been dealt with".

HLS, where many of the current wave of protesters have sharpened their skills, sprang to prominence in 1997 following the release of video footage by campaigners who had infiltrated the company.

The film, taken inside the centre, showed beagles being punched and thrown against a door. The group formed in the wake of the controversy - Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty (Shac) - has emerged as one of the most effective animal rights groups at causing disruption. It has not only besieged HLS but is accused of holding the government and scientific establishment to ransom.

The police blame Shac's website for being a rallying point for 30 to 40 volent militants dotted around the country, including Merseyside, Manchester and London. Using the company target lists posted by Shac, they trace directors' and employees' homes, often following them in their cars.

This small group is now being credited with achieving a goal far beyond its size. It was concern over what militants might do in the future rather than the arguments of peaceful anti-vivisectionists that brought down the Cambridge project.

"If you spread it out, the letters and the spray painting are minor stuff, but if you are on the end of it and your home and family are being targeted it's frightening," said Cass, who has recovered from his injuries.

"They are now targeting our suppliers and customers. We have validated 54 separate attacks on cars alone over the past six months, but what is most concerning us is that 28 have occurred since the start of January. It has really picked up."

There have been few arrests of those who carry out intimidation, and lenient sentences have been imposed. Companies wanting protection have usually had to take out injunctions, paying high legal fees. The government and police are apparently powerless under current laws.

GCHQ, the government listening centre, is understood to have become involved in monitoring phone calls and e-mails among leading Shac activists, following fears that their campaign risks damaging the economy.

Police find it difficult to establish that anyone is organising the disparate campaigners. A spokesman said: "There is no kind of hierarchical structure. They have little pockets here, little pockets there, but there is no leader or membership."

Meanwhile, victims of the harassment campaigns say they are getting little help from the government.

"We have to fit our own security and my bomb-proof windows at home even attracted a tax bill as a benefit in kind. I'll send the next bill to Tony Blair."

Diary of Actions

Nov-Mar

The following list is a document of actions, for which the activists involved risk arrest and prison. It is by no means a complete list, for a more comprehensive list, please visit www.directaction.info.

Inclusion of any action does not indicate approval of that action.

Liberations

03/11/03 (Sweden) - Around 100 cages were opened on a fur farm in Solvesborg. When the farmer arrived he found over fifty mink were missing.

05/11/03 (Spain) - Forty chinchillas, one ferret and one rabbit were liberated from Spain's only chinchilla farm. Cages and machinery were also destroyed.

23/11/03 (Australia) - The Auckland Animal Liberation Front gained entry into a South Auckland battery hen farm by smashing a large hole in the side of the wall. 10 hens were liberated and have been placed in safe, caring homes where they will live out the rest of their natural lives in freedom.

07/12/03 (Spain) - Over 20 cages were opened on a fur farm in Segovia. 12 mink were taken to a forest near a river and released.

10/12/03 (UK) – 150 rabbits, and 10 guinea pigs liberated from pet shop breeder.

12/12/03 (Norway) - 1500 minks were released from a fur farm at Vinderup. The gate of the farm was broken up to allow the mink to escape.

13/12/03 (UK) - 700 mice were liberated from Wickham Labs in Hampshire. The police later found all but 37 of the mice, and sent them back to the lab where they were immediately gassed.

14/12/03 (UK) - 21 goats, many of them pregnant, were liberated from a goat farm in Somerset, who supply goats to vivisection labs, including HLS.

15/12/03 (Italy) - A mink farm in Castel di Sangro, L'Aquila, was raided. The cages in the four sheds of this farm were opened liberating all of the animals.

11/12/03 (Ireland) - Two broiler chickens liberated from a battery unit in County Kildare.

07/01/04 (Sweden) – Eight rabbits liberated from meat farm in Olmstad. There were no other animals on site at the time.

11/02/04 (New Zealand) – Forty Four chickens liberated from Mainland Poultry Ltd.

16/02/04 (UK) – 22 chickens liberated from battery unit in Wiltshire.

16/02/04 (Sweden) – 12 rabbits and two Chinchillas liberated from pet shop supplier.

16/02/04 (UK) – 25 chickens were liberated from a battery unit in the North West.

22/02/04 (Spain) – 5 chickens liberated from an egg battery farm. Damage was caused to many cages.

23/02/04 (UK) – 18 chickens liberated from battery unit in Somerset.

Sabotage

19/07/03 (Italy) - *(this action was only recently claimed)* "In the night of Saturday 19 of July we threw molotovs against delivery company Traini & Torresi in Segrate (Milano) collaborators of torture and death of thousands animals coming from the horrible Morini farm in San Polo d'Enza. 5 Metres of pallets and a roof upon them went on fire. Over there the offices are located... who knows..." Two days later Traini & Torresi stopped working with Morini farm.

03/11/03 (Norway) - 500 foxes dyed with red-henna colouring on a fur farm in Østfold. All breeding cards were destroyed.

03/11/03 (USA) - Director of HLS collaborators Mellon Investment Services had his car windows smashed, paint strewn about his home and cars, and slogans painted on his house in spray paint. Two days later Mellon severed all ties with HLS.

03/11/03 (UK) - A building belonging to HLS supplier Industrial Supplies in Nottingham have reinforced windows smashed with half bricks.

04/11/03 (UK) - The director of a Japanese bank who deal with HLS had paint-stripper poured over both of the cars on his driveway, his tyres were slashed and his front door was locked shut.

06/11/03 (USA) - The ALF painted and smashed two delivery vans and the main building of the Little Pigs Bar-B-Que restaurant in Asheville.

06/11/03 (UK) - A director of HLS colaborators Sumitomo Mitsui Asset Management had his car paint stripped, and the tyres slashed.

09/11/03 (Sweden) - 80 windows on 30 fur shops attacked with paint, spray paint, glass etching fluid and locks were glued.

11/11/03 (UK) - The director of a company involved with the Newchurch Guinea Pig farm had every window of his house smashed. A fortnight before this he had both his cars destroyed with paint stripper.

11/11/03 (UK) - A director of HLS supporters Mizuho Bank had his car paint stripped, and paint thrown over his gate.

11/11/03 (UK) - Sankyo director has his house attacked with a bucket of paint and dog shit.

11/11/03 (Australia) - A fur shop in Melbourne has three plate glass windows and doors smashed.

12/11/03 (UK) - One of the owners of the vehicles used to import primates for HLS which were firebombed recently, had his car attacked on his driveway.

13/11/03 (UK) - A mobile rodeo arena was destroyed in Victoria, two days before the rodeo was due to take place. Metal pins joining sections of the fence were removed, and spare pins and tools were taken. Chains used to secure gates were cut off. The interconnecting gates were broken, as well as other extensive damage.

13/11/03 (USA) - An HLS director had his car paint stripped on his drive.

14/11/03 (UK) - A Yamanouchi director in Hampshire had two cars covered in paint stripper by the Justice League.

15/11/03 (Sweden) - Within a week 136 windows on fur shops across Sweden are covered in etching fluid. Other windows are broken, and shops are covered in paint.

17/11/03 (UK) - A Daiichi employee in Oxon had 2 cars paint stripped and the locks on his car and house were glued.

20/11/03 (Italy) - An electricity plant serving a Bayer factory was bombed. The action was taken due to Bayer's involvement in GMO's.

24/11/03 (UK) - Three cars belonging to a director of HLS collaborators State Street were covered with paint stripper and all three had their tyres slashed.

26/11/03 (UK) - A member of the Dunston Harriers Hunt had the front of his newly built house covered in yellow paint.

26/11/03 (UK) - Two HLS suppliers, Otis Lifts and ADT, had their locks glued and buildings painted. A new van at ADT was painted and the tyres were slashed.

28/11/03 (UK) - An employee of HLS supplier Phenomenex had their windows smashed

28/11/03 (UK) - 11 vehicles at M & J Seafoods in Wimborne were destroyed in an arson attack.

02/12/03 (UK) - The head of Yamanouchi in the U.K. had two cars covered in paint stripper.

HLS collaborators car redecorated by the ALF

05/12/03 (Finland) - 500 foxes on a fur farm were dyed with henna. All the breeding cards were taken.

05/12/03 (Italy) - A car of a vivisector in Torino was trashed with broken windows, punctured tyres, paintstripper and paint.

06/12/03 (UK) - A director of HLS supplier CED in Romford had a 4x4 covered in paint stripper.

06/12/03 (UK) - A Yamanouchi employee has two cars covered in paint stripper, and her door and white walls were covered in red paint.

06/12/03 (UK) - After an HLS demo in Huntingdon, Industrial Supplies at Peterborough had bricks thrown at their windows and CED in Cambridge had bricks hurled through the windows.

29/11/03 (UK) - HLS supplier Pioneer Chemicals has car paint stripped.

13/12/03 (Russia) - Activists launch cyber attack on HLS, and crash their website for several months. They sent HLS 100000 emails a day.

15/12/03 (Finland) - A fur farm storage building was burnt down. The fire brigade got the fire under control, but had to return later that night as the fire restarted.

16/12/03 (UK) - Recently replaced windows were smashed at an Industrial Supplies building in Nottingham. Slogans were sprayed in large letters down the side of the building. A couple of weeks later Industrial Supplies severed their contract with H.L.S.

17/12/03 (UK) - The ALF paid a visit to HLS supplier CED's director in South Benfleet, Essex. Cars were paint strippered, sprayed, and tyres slashed and ALF calling card was left.

18/12/03 (UK) - A manager of HLS supplier Industrial Supplies in Suffolk had his car paint strippered, tyres slashed and locks glued. A Christmas message was left on the house.

18/12/03 (UK) - ADT Secretary in Harrow, Middlesex had cars paint strippered, locks glued and tyres punctured.

19/12/03 (Austria) - Butyric acid was syringed into the ground floor of fur supplier Peek & Cloppenburg.

19/12/03 (USA) - A manger of HLS collaborator Sumitomo had two cars covered in paint stripper and paint.

20/12/03 (Italy) - RBM lab worker has his car paintstrippered, tyres slashed and windows broken.

Traps destroyed by the ALF

21/12/03 (New Zealand) - The ALF poured paint stripper over four cars belonging to Tegel Chicken directors.

22/12/03 (UK) - A vivisector who uses Newchurch guinea pigs at Cardiff University had his car covered in paint stripper on his drive.

23/12/03 (UK) - The Animal Rights Militia sent hundreds of letters to HLS collaborators, warning that continued involvement with lab would result in violent attacks.

24/12/03 (UK) – A Yamanouchi employee in Huntingdon had two cars covered in paint stripper.

24/12/03 (UK) - The daughter of Newchurch Guinea Pig Farm's owner had her underground stop tap outside her house turned off and covered with a mass of quick drying cement.

25/12/03 (UK) – A Yamanouchi employee in Cardiff had two cars doused with paint stripper, and his house was covered in paint.

25/12/03 (UK) – A Yamanouchi employee in Weston Super Mare had his car covered in paint stripper, and their tyres were slashed.

26/12/03 (UK) - HLS suppliers Gregory Friar Associates had 4 Cars damaged with paint stripper and spray paint.

26/12/03 (UK) - HLS supplier Vitech Security had their windows and door smashed with bricks and boulders.

27/12/03 (Italy) – An RBM lab worker had his car covered in paintstripper.

27/12/03 (Italy) - A hunting dog training centre in Modena was burnt. The message: "Hunters: if animals are your target, you are ours" was left on the site.

29/12/03 (Norway) - Twenty windows, at five different fur shops, in three cities had windows smashed, slogans spraypainted and some had paint thrown in through their broken windows.

30/12/03 (Finland) - A fur farm storage building in Uusikaarlepyy was destroyed in an arson attack.

31/12/03 (UK) - One of the owners of Newchurch Guinea Pig Farm had his farmhouse windows put through with bricks. Bottles of red paint were then thrown through the smashed windows.

31/12/03 (UK) - A director of HLS customer Daiichi had his car covered in paint stripper, and his tyres were slashed
31/12/03 (UK) - A State Street director in Kent had his car paint strippered and the locks were glued.

31/12/03 (Italy) - Nine circus trucks were torched by the ALF, causing 400.000 euros damage. The following message was left: "The show is over. ALF".

31/12/03 (Italy) - Four windows were broken at HLS collaborator Mitsubishi Bank in Milano.

31/12/03 (Spain) - A truck belonging to a slaughter house was destroyed by fire.

31/12/03 (Sweden) - Fur store Mattsons Pals in Malmo got four windows smashed

Fur Farm On Fire

02/01/04 (Norway) - A fire destroyed an empty minkfarm in Harstad.

04/01/04 (Germany) - Three different shops had 27 fur coats destroyed.

07/01/04 (UK) - A Yamanouchi employee in Hampshire had his cars attacked for the second time in less than two months.

08/01/04 (UK) – A director of HLS customer Asahi Glass had his car paint strippered and paint poured on his house.

09/01/04 (USA) - Rocks, a BB gun and spray paint were used to cause $800 damage to a KFC in Illinios. Four windows were broken. "Animal Liberation Now" was spray-painted on the back door of the restaurant."

11/01/04 (UK) - Local media reports that extensive damage has been caused to over 9000 traps nationwide, used as part of the governments mass badger cull.

14/01/04 (UK) - A KFC in Chester had it's main window and glass door broken by the ALF.

15/01/04 (UK) - Water Farm Goat Centre Somerset had paint stripper poured over six vehicles. Tyres on the vehicles were slashed. After the attack the farm stated that it would stop supplying goats to vivisection.

15/01/04 (Holland) - A Yamanouchi director has all of his car tyres slashed.

16/01/04 (UK) - The front and back of the home of one of the daughters of Newchurch Farm's owner was trashed inside and out with bricks and paint.

16/01/04 (UK) - Three cars belonging to a director of HLS supplier Vitech security were covered in paint stripper and had their tyres slashed. Vitech have now severed all ties with HLS.

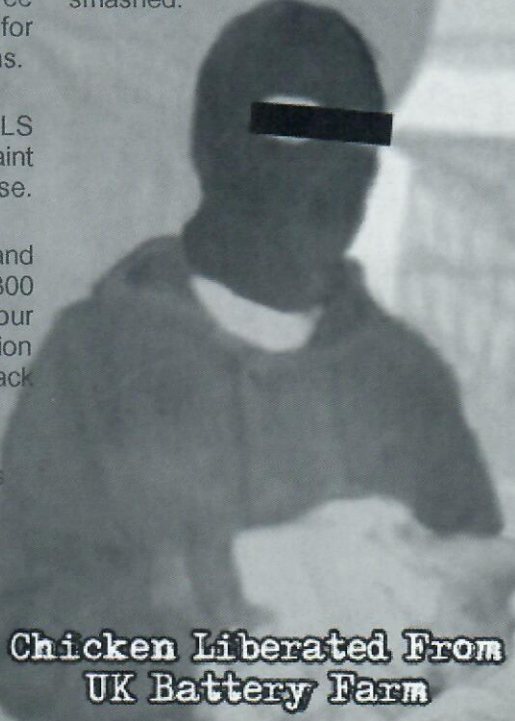
10/01/04 (Sweden) - Four activists destroyed the 'artwork' of Edemont, created from dismembered animals, causing $20000 of damage.

1101/04 (UK) – A butcher shop in Bognor has it's windows smashed repeatedly. The butcher has now given up replacing them.

12/01/04 (USA) - The speakers at a drive through Burger King were hacked, and customers were told "You don't need a couple of Whoppers. You are too fat. Pull ahead."

13/01/04 (UK) - Local media reported that £400,000 of damage has been

18/01/04 (UK) - 7 vehicles parked outside buildings belonging to HLS supplier Sigma Aldrich had their tyres slashed and locks glued. Several windows were smashed.



Chicken Liberated From UK Battery Farm

19/01/04 (UK) - A director of HLS supplier Fisher Scientific had three cars covered in paint stripper and the tyres on all three were slashed.

19/01/04 (UK) - A Director of HLS collaborators Emerson had his house covered in blood-red spray paint, all the tyres on his car were slashed, the bonnet logo was twisted backwards and the vehicle was doused in paint stripper

19/01/04 (UK) - A Cambridge based State Street director had two cars in his drive way covered in acid. All the tyres were slashed. The activists were disturbed by the owner, who stood on his lawn in his white under-pants shouting "oi! oi!" as they left the scene.

20/01/04 (UK) - HLS supplier Phenomenex in Macclesfield had their windows and doors smashed with a hammer.

20/01/04 (UK) - Four directors of HLS collaborators Emerson Orbit had their cars covered in paintstripper, and the tyres on the vehicles were slashed in separate attacks across the country.

20/01/04 (UK) - Nottingham Seafoods, the areas largest fish monger had the tyres slashed and windows smashed on delivery vehicle by the Fish Liberation Squad.

20/01/04 (Finland) - Four fur stores in Turku got slogans painted on their windows with etching fluid. Altogether 12 windows were destroyed, and one shop got its lock glued.

21/01/04 (UK) – A car belonging to a KFC manager in Bognor is attacked with paint stripper.

22/01/04 (Spain) - A truck belonging to the meat company IMAZ was torched and totally destroyed.

24/01/04 (Holland) - The car of a fur trader was destroyed by fire.

25/01/04 (Germany) - All of the cars and motorbikes in the Basement garage of Yamanouchi's German HQ were covered in paint stripper, and a new layer of paint. Messages where left on the walls of the building in spray paint.

28/01/04 (UK) - All of the windows at Nottingham Seafoods' building smashed in the second Fish Liberation Squad attack of the week.

28/01/03 – Seven cars belonging to staff at Wickham Labs were covered in paint stripper outside of the lab, whilst their owners were at work.

30/01/04 (Holland) - Two branches of ABN AMRO were sabotaged for taking care of the BPRC primate lab's bank facilities. Cash machines, windows and doors were attacked with paint, glue and glass etching fluid.

01/02/04 (Finland) - 6 fur shops were attacked in Helsinki. Etching fluid was used to write slogans on a total of 20 windows.

01/02/04 (Italy) - Two vivisectors from RBM Labs had their car tyres slashed and paint stripper poured onto them.

01/02/04 (Holland) – The DBF found out that a Chiron employee was selling his house, and intended to hold an open day for prospective buyers. The day before the event they covered his windows in glass etching fluid, and the rest of the house in red paint.

01/02/04 (Finland) - Four fur shops were attacked. 15 windows were covered with etching fluid and locks were glued.

02/02/04 (UK) - 5 windows were smashed at the Securicor Recruitment Centre in Nottingham. The following night the Securicor Omega Express was daubed in paint and slogans.

02/02/04 (UK) - Tyres slashed on 8 Express Dairy delivery vehicles in Nottingham. The communiqué read, "IF MEAT IS MURDER THEN MILK IS RAPE".

02/02/04 (UK) – Windows were smashed with bricks at a Sloane Square shop belonging to fur retailers Joseph. On the same day a director of the company had windows smashed at her home in London.

03/02/04 (Turkey) – Stones were thrown at 3 Butcher shops in the west of Istanbul in protest against religious sacrifice.

04/02/04 (UK) – A Wickham worker has their car sabotaged with paint stripper.

05/02/03 (UK) – 7 cars belonging to staff at Wickham had their tyres slashed and their cars covered in paint stripper outside of their houses.

06/02/04 (UK) - Power poles bearing electricity cables to Darley Oaks Farm, Newchurch were cut down leaving the whole facility, the family and security guards in darkness.

06/02/04 (Holland) - Four branches of ABN AMRO bank were vandalised in Nijmegen. ABN AMRO provide banking facilities for the BPRC primate lab.

07/02/04 (UK) - In the last two weeks the phone lines at the Newchurch Guinea Pig Farm have been totally severed on three separate occasions disabling their contact network from all of their properties.

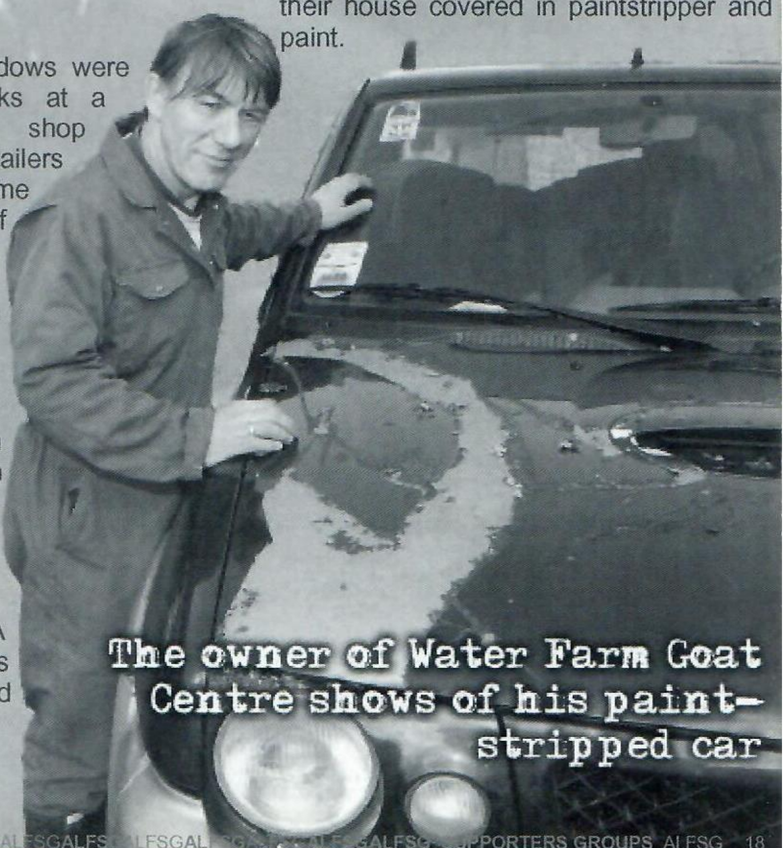
10/02/04 (Holland) – An employee of HLS customer Shin Etsu had his house painted.

11/02/04 (Sweden) - The gates of fur supplier Nordiska Pals were locked with a D-lock. Paintbombs were thrown at the store. Seven other fur shops had their locks glued, and were covered in paint.

11/02/04 (Sweden) - The door of fur supplier Canbaz Skinn & Mode was smashed with a rock.

12/02/04 (UK) – Two Yamanouchi employees in Surrey had their cars paint strippered.

13/02/04 (UK) - A Wickham worker had their house covered in paintstripper and paint.



The owner of Water Farm Goat Centre shows of his paint-stripped car

13/02/04 (UK) – Three cars belonging to Yamanouchi workers are paintstripped.

13/02/04 (UK) – A Yamanouchi worker had their garages and door painted with. Across the windows and the house were painted 'puppy killers', 'murderer lives here'.

14/02/04 (UK) - Three cars belonging to a director of Newchurch supplier Calor were covered in paint stripper.

14/02/04 (Sweden) - A furstore in Scheelegatan had slogans written with etching fluid on several windows.

14/02/04 (UK) – An HLS 'scientist' had his house and two cars covered in paint.

14/02/04 (UK) – Directors of HLS supplier CED in Cambridge had their cars spay-painted, tyres punched and had paint stripper poured over them.

18/02/04 (Switzerland) – Activists destroyed windows and tolls at a Yamanouchi premises. Red paint bombs were thrown everywhere."

20/02/04 (Germany) – Two fur shops had several windows smashed by the ALF.

24/02/04 (Sweden) - The fur shop Palskonfektion had their entrance door smashed with a large rock.

24/02/04 (Italy) – In just one night, 200 butchers were damaged with red paint in several cities. This action was carried out in protest against the catholic church, who have millions of lambs brutally killed over the Easter period.

25/02/04 (New Zealand) – A sports car and an SUV belonging to two directors of New Zealand's largest Biotechnology company, Genesis Research & Development were covered in paint stripper by the ALF/ELF.

28/02/04 (UK) – Six large transport vehicles belonging to the Great British Circus had their tyres slashed.

28/02/04 (Germany) - Fur shop in Helsinki had 3 windows smashed.

02/03/04 (UK) – Twelve cars belonging to Yamanouchi's landlords, Emerson Orbit were badly damaged, with around 30 tyres slashed, and several litres of paint stripper sloshed over the vehicles.

04/03/04 (UK) - 11 windows were smashed at the Midland HQ of HLS supplier Hire Station Tool Hire.

06/03/04 (UK) - Just days after an angling store had its glass door broken in Ringwood, several fishermen who had paid to have access to the exclusive fishing zone were locked inside the enclosure. The only entrance had its gate shut and d-locked to a post, leaving them and their cars stuck inside.

06/03/04 (Spain) - Garrotxa S.A, a company involved in the meat industry had the front of their building painted, and their windows smashd. This action was dedicated to British prisoners, Holiday and Leboutillier

08/03/04 (Norway) – A fur shop in Stavanger had six windows smashed.

A fur traders car is engulfed in flames

09/03/04 (UK) – A worker at Newchurch Guinea Pig Farm had a hoax bomb placed beneath his car.

09/03/04 (Spain) - A butchershop, a fish shop and a meat truck got their locks glued and were covered with slogans, including 'IF YOU DON'T RESPECT ANIMAL'S LIFE WE WILL NOT RESPECT YOUR PROPERTY'.

10/03/04 (UK) – A Newchurch worker had slogans painted all over his drive and road.

11/03/04 (Argentina) – Butchershops, furshops, petshops, chinchilla breeders and other abuse industries were attacked with paint in Buenos Aires.

18/03/04 (UK) – After breaking into the house of a director of Harvey Nichols (who sell fur), acrivists used the directors email accounts to ruin the fur sellers social life. Emails included one to the directors wife's boss, accusing them of having an affair. Important business events were called off etc... Not long after, Harvey Nichols stopped selling fur.

21/03/04 (UK) – Nails were scattered over the drive of Newchurch Guinea Pig Farm.

22/03/04 (UK) – Two cars and a van belonging to HLS supplier CED were covered in acid.

23/03/04 (Russia) – Hunt and fur shops are covered in paint.

24/03/04 (Sweden) – Three fur shops have their windows/doors smashed, as well as having their locks glued.

27/03/04 (UK) – A worker at Newchurch Guinea Pig Farm had her windows broken, and paint bombs thrown over the interior walls.

28/03/04 (UK) – A Newchurch worker had paint thrown over his drive and garage.

29/03/04 (UK) – Activists spray painted slogans and smashed windows at a small holding in Symonds Yat, Herefordshire. The owner of these premises has applied for planning permission to convert them into a butterfly farm. These animals are shipped in from all over the world and many of them die in transit.

29/03/04 (USA) – HLS customer Sumitomo have slogans painted over their buildings.

29/03/04 (UK) – A Newchurch worker had paint thrown over his drive and garage.

31/03/04 (Germany) - an ALF cell visited 3 clothes stores and slit open 27 fur-trimmed jackets.

31/03/04 (UK) - In the third such attack, 3 windows were broken at Nottingham's main fish wholesaler.

31/03/04 (UK) – Two lorries belong to BOC gas have their windows smashed in Nottingham.

One of the Wickhgam mice that the police did not recover

THE VEGAN PRISONER SUPPORT GROUP

The aims of the VPSG are to:

- give moral and practical support where needed
- help to obtain vegan food for prisoners or anyone arrested whilst in custody
- help to obtain vegan toiletries for prisoners
- highlighting and working to improve the inadequate facilities for vegans in prison shops

How The VPSG Helps

Although they mainly help prisoners to obtain vegan food, vegan toiletries, vegan footwear and help wherever they can when requested, the VPG are always prepared to take up human rights issues for the prisoners when the need arises.

They also offer help to vegan animal rights activists if detained overnight in police stations - all they need to do is to phone the details of the problem to the emergency arrest helpline and help will be offered.

VPSG is run voluntarily and exists solely on donations. It can be hard work sometimes, but when the work start to pile up it is always remembered that the prisoners have made a huge commitment and lost their freedom in trying to help animals and so deserve nothing less than total support while serving their sentences!

How You Can Help

The VPSG are a non-profit making organisation with no paid staff, run on a very tight budget. Supporting the VPSG is important to enable continued support for Animal Rights activists who are prepared to risk their freedom for the benefit of their non-human relatives.

All donations are directly ploughed back into helping Vegan Animal Rights prisoners of conscience. A monthly donation of £1.00 (roughly 25 pence a week) will help ensure that they can continue helping all vegan prisoners of conscience.

One of the best ways to do so is by means of a Standing Order from your bank account to the VPSG (please contact the VPSG for a standing order form). Your continued support in this way is most vital and gratefully received.

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MERCHANDISE

Show your support for those who break the law in order to save animals with ALF SG T-shirts. Two designs are available.

T-Shirts cost £7.50 each. Please make cheques payable to ALF SG.

The goat design is a colour print on a white T-Shirt.

The beagle design is a colour print on a grey T-Shirt.

REVIEW OF 2003

2003 was an inspirational year for the animal liberation movement, with actions ranging from gluing the locks of those who profit from animal torture, to bombing the customers of Huntingdon Life Sciences. There were also over 70,000 animals of all shapes and sizes liberated and saved from the evil hands who live to harm them.

It is impossible to calculate exactly how many actions happen every year, or how many animals are saved because many ALF cells do not report their actions, and so remain unheard of. Even though what is reported may only be a fraction of the impact underground cells have had in the last year it is still impressive and shows the amazing power of direct action.

Liberations

MINK – Over 62,000 mink were released in 21 raids across Europe.
RABBITS – Over 1882 rabbits liberated from breeders in 7 raids.
HENS – 1454 chickens were removed from battery units worldwide.
PHEASANTS – Several thousand pheasants released from pens.
MICE - Over 700 mice were liberated during raids, as well as mice released from traps.
PARTRIDGES – 150 Partridges released from shooting pens.
FOXES – Hundreds of foxes released from fur farms.
GOATS – 64 Goats were saved from vivisection during two raids in the U.K.
BOARS – 50 Boars were released from a hunting farm in Spain.
CHINCHILLAS – 40 Chinchillas were taken from a fur breeder in Spain.
QUAILS – 40 quails waiting to be shot were released from pens in Italy.
DOGS – 29 dogs liberated from labs and breeders for vivisection during 3 raids across Europe.
DUCKS – 16 ducks were saved in Europe during two actions.
GUINEA PIGS – 11 Guinea pigs were saved from the pet industry.

Sabotage

65 cars have been damaged with paint stripper
160 buildings and cars have had their locks glued
40 cars have had their tires slashed
147 windows were damaged with glass etching fluic
4 butyric acid attacks
1000 foxes dyed with henna
5 boats destroyed
5 hunting platforms chopped down
2 rotten vegetable attacks
Thousands of fur breeding cards destroyed
Tens of thousands of traps destroyed
3 bomb hoaxes and 3 bombings
Over 40 arson attacks:
including 28 trucks damaged
8 fur farms
2 boats

highlights

115 chickens liberated from Merial select labs, US, February 2003

3 pigs liberated from farm in Spain, June 2003

2003: a year of liberations, arson and attacks upon the vivisection industry.

a dutch fur farmer feels the heat

ANIMAL LIBERATION

"It isn't my natural instinct to cause damage to the property of those who inflict pain on others, but it is that pain which hurts me, and those who cause that pain feel it themselves most persuasively in their pockets."

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